



GELS Activity Guide for Parents

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The books listed below are typical of those found in infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms. The book list is divided into two sections. Part One identifies books that support skills in the five areas of development. Many of these are referenced in the Activity Guide. Part Two lists more books commonly enjoyed by young children. Look for these books in the children's section of your public library. Books available in a Spanish version are noted with an asterisk (*).

Part One – Books grouped by developmental area

Physical Development

Andy: That's My Name by Tomie dePaola
Babar's Bath Book by Laurent De Brunhoff
Boxes, Boxes by Leonard Everett
Dora's Potty Book by Melissa Torres
Dressing by Helen Oxenbury
Eat Your Dinner! by Virginia Miller
Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
Ernie's Bath Book by Michael J. Smollin
Everyone Poops by Taro Gomi
**From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle
Fuzzy Bear's Potty Book by Bentley Dawn
Germ's Make Me Sick by Melvin Berger
**Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
Hop Jump by Ellen Stoll Walsh
How Do I Put It On? by Shige Watanabe
I Can by Helen Oxenbury
Let's Get Dressed by Harriet Ziefert
Little Red Riding Hood by Fairy Tales & Folk Tales
Three Billy Goats Gruff by Fairy Tales & Folk Tales
Time for Bed by Mem Fox
**Very Hungry Caterpillar, The* by Eric Carle

Emotional & Social Development

All Alone with Daddy by Joan Fassler
All by Myself by Mercer Mayer
Are You My Mommy? by Carla Dijs
Baby and Friends by Paul Bricknell
Baby Faces by Margaret Miller
Be Gentle! by Virginia Miller
Feelings by Alike
**Grouchy Ladybug, The* by Eric Carle
Hands Are Not for Hitting by Martine Agassi, Ph.D.
How are you Peeling? by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers
Kissing Hand, The by Audrey Penn
Leonardo, the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems
Little Engine That Could, The by Watty Piper
**Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara Joosse
Margaret and Margarita by Lynn Reiser
Me First by Helen Lester
Peek a Boo by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Smile! by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Together by George Ella Lyon
Way I Feel, The by Janan Cain
When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang
Words Are Not for Hurting by Martine Agassi, Ph.D.

Approaches to Learning

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle
Adventures of Curious George, The by Margret and H.A. Rey
Big Orange Splot, The by Daniel Pinkwater
Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Black on White by Tana Hoban
Curious George's Are You Curious? by H.A. Rey
I Hear by Helen Oxenbury
I See by Helen Oxenbury
I Touch by Helen Oxenbury
Look Again by Tana Hoban
Tana Hoban's What Is It? by Tana Hoban

Language and Literacy Development

101 Dalmatians by R.H. Disney
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall
If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff
Monster Sandwich by Joy Cowley
My First Word Board Book by Angela Wilkes
Polite Elephant by Richard Scarry
Snowy Day, The by Ezra Jack Keats
Three Little Pigs, The by James Marshall
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

Cognitive Development

A B See by Tana Hoban
Abuela by Arthur Dorros
Airplanes by Gallimard Jeunesse
Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno
Arthur Counts by Marc Brown
Baby Dance by Ann Taylor
Bugs by Nancy Winslow Parker
Carrot Seed, The by Ruth Krauss
Circles and Squares Everywhere by Max Grover
Color Farm by Lois Ehlert
Daddy and Me by Karen Katz
Daddy Mountain, The by Jules Feiffer
Danny and the Merry-Go-Round by Nan Holcomb
Everybody Cooks Rice by Nora Dooley
Families by Donna Bailey
Feely Bugs by David Carter
Grandma and Me by Karen Katz
Grandpa and Me by Karen Katz
Now We Can Go by Ann Jonas
One Hungry Monster by Susan Heyboer O'Keefe

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
Shapes by Dorling Kinderley
Shapes, Shapes, Shapes by Tana Hoban
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
Where Can It Be? by Ann Jonas

Part Two – More books enjoyed by infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog by Mercer Mayer
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats
A Nightmare in my Closet by Mercer Mayer
A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman
A Treeful of Pigs by Arnold Lobel
ABC by Jean Hirashima
All About Baby by Stephen Shott
All Fall Down by Helen Oxenbury
All Pigs Are Beautiful by Dick King-Smith
Animal Play by Dorling Kinderley
Animal Splash by Sian Tucker
Animals Do the Strangest Things by Jan Nagel Clarkson
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett
Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell
At the Beach by Huy Voun Lee
Baby's 123 by Neil Ricklen
Baby's ABC by Neil Ricklen
Baby's Animal Friends by Phoebe Dunn
Baby's Big and Little by Neil Ricklen
Baby's Clothes by Neil Ricklen
Baby's Good Morning by Neil Ricklen
Baby's Good Night by Neil Ricklen
Baby's Mother Goose by Nina Barabaresi
Baby's Peek A Boo by George Ulrich
Barn Dance by Bill Martin, Jr.
Benjamin Bunny by Beatrix Potter
Best Nest, The by Dr. Seuss
Blubberies for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris
Breakfast Time by Gabrielle Vincent
Busy Farmyard by Betina Ogden
Caboose Who Got Loose, The by Bill Peet
Cat in the Hat, The by Dr. Seuss
Catch the Ball by Eric Carle
Cherries and Cherry Pits by Vera Williams
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault
Child's Good Night Book by Margaret Wise Brown

Circus of Colors by Lisa Hopp
Clothes by Eric Hill
Cock-A-Doodle-Moo by Benard Most
Color Dance by Ann Jonas
Corduroy's Toys by Don Freeman
Daddy and Me by Neil Ricklen
Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle
Downy Duckling by Hitz Demi
Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss
Ducky Squeak by Cheryl Harte
Everybody Bakes Bread by Norah Dooley
Faces by Jan Pienkowski
Family Time by Margaret Miller
Farm Faces by Willabel L. Tong
Fast Slow High Low by Peter Spier
Fish is Fish by Leo Lionni
Fluffy Bunny by Hitz Demi
Food by Jan Pienkowski
Foot Book, The by Dr. Seuss
Four Fur Feet by Margaret Wise Brown
Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss
Frederick by Leo Lionni
Friends by Jan Pienkowski
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Frog Goes to Dinner by Mercer Mayer
Frog, Where are You? by Mercer Mayer
Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet
Go to Bed! by Virginia Miller
Go, Dog, Go by Dr. Seuss
Gobble, Growl, Grunt by Peter Spier
Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton
Good Morning, Puppy! by Cindy Chang
Good Morning, Baby by Jo Foord
Good Night Kitty! by Cindy Chang
Good Night, Baby by Mike Good and Stephen Shott
Good Night, Moo by Jan Pienkowski
Good Night, Sleep Tight! Shhh... by Gyo Fujikawa
Grandma and Grandpa by Helen Oxenbury
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
Happy Birthday, Moon by Frank Asch
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle
Hey! Wake Up! by Sandra Boynton
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
Hopper by Marcus Pfister
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Humpty Dumpty and Other Nursery Rhymes
 by Lucy Cousins
Hush! by Mingfong Ho

**I Went Walking* by Sue Williams
I Wish I Had Duck Feet by Dr. Seuss
I Wish I Were a Butterfly by James Howe
I'm a Little Airplane by M. Tubby
I'm a Little Choo Choo by M. Tubby
I'm a Little Fish by M. Tubby
In & Out, Up & Down by Michael Smollin
Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni
Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? by Tana Hoban
It's Fun to Be One by Fiona Pragoff
It's Fun to Be Two by Fiona Pragoff
Jamberry by Bruce Degen
Jemima Puddle-Duck by Beatrix Potter
Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?
 by Nancy White Carlstrom
Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan
Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch
Ladybug, Ladybug by Ruth Brown
Let's Paint a Rainbow by Eric Carle
Let's Play by Margaret Miller
Little Fuzzytail by Lisa McCue
Little Polar Bear by Hans deBeer
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile by Bernard Waber
Maisie Goes Swimming by Lucy Cousins
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Mama Cat Has Three Kittens by Denise Fleming
Mitten, The by Jan Brett
Mixed-Up Chameleon, The by Eric Carle
Mommy and Me by Neil Ricklen
Moo Moo, Brown Cow by Jakki Wood
Moo, Baa, La La La by Sandra Boynton
More, More, More Said the Baby by Vera B. Williams
Mouse Paint by Ellen S. Walsh
Mud by Mary Lynn Ray
My Best Friends by Margaret Miller
My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough
My Granny by Margaret Wild
My Peter Rabbit Cloth Book by Beatrix Potter
My Pets by Willabel L. Tong
Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs by Tomie DePaola
Nighty Night by Wendy Lewison
Nose Book, The by Dr. Seuss
Not Yet Yvette by Helen Kettermann
Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie dePaola
Old MacDonald by Rosemary Wells
On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott
On Your Potty! by Virginia Miller
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
One Green Frog by Yvonne Hooker
Open the Barn Door by Christopher Santoro
Over in the Meadow by John Langstaff

- Paddington at the Seashore* by Michael Bond
Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola
Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle
Papa, Papa by Jean Marzollo
Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle
Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt
Pat the Cat by Dorothy and Edith Kunhardt
Pat the Puppy by Dorothy Kunhardt
Patch and His Favorite Things by J. Lodge
Patch in the Garden by J. Lodge
Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats
Planes by Byron Barton
Play by Eric Hill
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?
 by Bill Martin
Poppy's Chair by Karen Hesse
Potty Time by Betty Reichmeier
Pretend You're a Cat by Jean Marzollo
Pretty Brown Face by Andrea and Brian Pinkney
Rain by Robert Kalan
Rain Makes Applesauce by Julian Scheer
**Rainbow Fish, The* by Marcus Pfister
Random House Book of Mother Goose: A Treasury of
 386 Timeless Nursery Rhymes by Arnold Lobel
Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe by Tana Hoban
Richard Scarry's Cars and Trucks from A to Z
 by Richard Scarry
Richard Scarry's Egg in the Hole Book by Richard Scarry
**Runaway Bunny, The* by Margaret Wise Brown
Say Hi, Backpack Baby by Miriam Cohen
See How I Grow by Angela Wilkes
Seven Little Monsters by Maurice Sendak
Shake It To the One You Love The Best
 by Cheryl Warren Mattox
Shape of Me and Other Stuff, The by Dr. Seuss
Shoes by Elizabeth Winthrop
Shoes, Shoes, Shoes by Ann Morris
Small Pig by Arnold Lobel
Snap! Snap! Buzz Buzz by Rich Cowley
Someone Special Just Like You by Tricia Brown
Spider on the Floor by Raffi
Splash by Ann Jonas
Spot's Favorite Baby Animals by Eric Hill
Spot's Favorite Numbers by Eric Hill
Spot's Favorite Words by Eric Hill
Spot's Friends by Eric Hill
Spot's Touch and Feel Day by Eric Hill
Spot's Toys by Eric Hill
Stop Go by Jan Pienkowski
Sweet Dreams, Spot by Eric Hill
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
Teddy Bear's Picnic, The by Jimmy Kennedy
Teddy in the House by Lucy Cousins
**That's Not My Kitten* by Fiona Watt
**That's Not My Puppy* by Fiona Watt
There's a Wocket in My Pocket by Dr. Seuss
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
Touch Me Book, The by Pat and Eve Witte
Trains by Byron Barton
Truck by Donald Crews
Trucks by Mallory Loehr
Tucking Mommy In by Morag Loh
**Very Busy Spider, The* by Raymond Briggs
Very Quiet Cricket, The by Eric Carle
Water Dance by Thomas Locker
Water Play by Margaret Miller
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
What Does Baby See? by Margo Lundell
What's for Lunch? by Eric Carle
What's On My Head? by Margaret Miller
What's Under My Bed? by James Stevenson
Wheels Go Round by Margaret Miller
Wheels on the Bus by Raffi
When I Was a Baby by Eve Thaler
Where Is Your Nose? by Trisha Lee Shappie
Where's My Sneaker? by Marc Brown
Who Says a Dog Goes Bow Wow? by I.L. DeZutter
Whose Mouse are You? by Robert Kraus
William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow
Yes No by Jan Pienkowski
Zoo Faces by Willabel L. Tong



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